



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5369***

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A NATURAL GAS VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL FLEETS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2012,  
2       the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall  
3       establish a natural gas transportation pilot program to facilitate the  
4       deployment of natural gas vehicles in municipalities. Such pilot  
5       program shall include not more than three partnerships between up to  
6       three municipalities and a natural gas company to encourage the  
7       conversion of municipal vehicle fleets to natural gas and to develop  
8       natural gas refueling stations. As part of the partnership, (1) the  
9       municipality shall commit to acquire a minimum of ten medium or  
10      heavy-duty trucks and transit or school buses that operate on  
11      compressed natural gas; and (2) the gas company shall install, own and  
12      operate a refueling facility on its own property or on municipal  
13      property. Such refueling facility shall also be made available to persons  
14      other than the municipality.

15      (b) The department shall establish procedures for the pilot program  
16      developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such procedures

17 shall include, but not be limited to, (1) establishment and criteria for  
 18 grants to municipalities to reimburse the incremental cost of natural  
 19 gas equipment; (2) development of a list of qualified suppliers to  
 20 provide such vehicles; (3) development of selection criteria for  
 21 participation in such pilot program; and (4) establishment of rates and  
 22 charges for the delivery and supply of such compressed natural gas.  
 23 Grants to municipalities shall not exceed five hundred thousand  
 24 dollars per pilot community and shall be (A) provided from within  
 25 existing appropriations of the Department of Transportation, or (B)  
 26 recovered from the energy efficiency adjustment rate of the  
 27 participating gas company.

28 (c) Notwithstanding title 16 of the general statutes, the Department  
 29 of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities  
 30 Regulatory Authority shall allow a gas company to recover the  
 31 reasonable costs of such pilot program on a timely basis, including a  
 32 return on investment, which shall include adoption of an adjustment  
 33 rate that uses a methodology consistent with rates approved pursuant  
 34 to section 16-19b of the general statutes.

35 (d) On or before January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the  
 36 department shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
 37 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
 38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 39 transportation, energy and the environment regarding the progress of  
 40 such program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a municipal natural gas vehicle pilot program.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*